GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:519
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RULES GUIDELINES FOR HAJ SUBSIDY
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rules/guidelines issued for granting subsidy to Haj pilgrims;

(b) the total amount given to Haj pilgrims during the last three years after issuance of such guidelines;

(c) whether the Government propose to grant subsidy to Amarnath pilgrims as per the said guidelines; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be granted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) There are no rules/guidelines for granting subsidy for Haj pilgrims. Every year, a proposal is submitted before the Cabinet for fixation of Haj pilgrim fare and subsidy per pilgrim. The total amount given for Haj subsidy during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Total amount of Haj Subsidy (Rupees)
1999	98.46 crore
2000	118.83 crore
2001	148.36 crore (provisional)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.